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SUBJECT: DRAFT COMMUNIQUE PROPOSED FOR SECRETARY
BERGLAND'S VISIT

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DRAFT COMMUNIQUE WHICH
ROMANIAN SIDE PROPOSES SECRETARY BERGLAND AND MINISTER
OF AGRICULTURE MICULESCU SIGN IN COURSE OF VISIT.

TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: PROTOCOL

(A) DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN MAY 23RD-25TH,
1978, AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA, THE HONOURABLE BOB S.
BERGLAND - SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
FOR AGRICULTURE - CARRIED OUT AN OFFICIAL VISIT IN
ROMANIA.

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(B) DURING THE OFFICIAL VISIT, HON. BOB S.
BERGLAND WAS RECEIVED BY HIS EXCELLENCY, MR. MANEA
MANESCU, PRIME MINISTER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA.

(C) THE OFFICIAL MEETINGS WERE CARRIED OUT IN

THE SPIRIT OF THE RECENT HIGH-LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, JIMMY CARTER, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA, NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, WHERE THE MUTUAL WISH WAS EXPRESSED TO STRENGTHEN AND ENHANCE THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND ROMANIAN PEOPLE, TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES TO THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT - AS WELL AS FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE, SECURITY AND PROSPERITY OF ALL NATIONS.

(D) IN THE SPIRIT OF THE THINGS AGREED DURING THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING, DURING THE OFFICIAL TALKS WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRY WAS APPRECIATED THE ASCENDING LINE OF THE ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS OF COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES; MEANWHILE, A MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WAS CARRIED OUT REGARDING SOME ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE GOALS OF THE ECONOMY AND, ESPECIALLY, OF THE AGRICULTURE OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

(E) THE TWO MINISTERS STRESSED THE EXISTENCE OF MUTUAL INTERESTS TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE DIRECT COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA.

(F) IN THIS RESPECT, IT HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED WITH SATISFACTION THAT, ON THE 26TH APRIL OF THIS YEAR WAS SIGNED IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THE AGREEMENT UPON THE AMERICAN-ROMANIAN COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE AND TRADE WITH AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTS FOR 1978-79, PROVIDING CERTAIN ACTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST FOR BOTH SIDES.

(G) IN THIS LINE, THE TWO MINISTERS CONVENED TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE BILATERAL RELATIONS OF DIRECT COLLABORATION, PARTICULARLY BY EXCHANGES OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE FIELD OF ANIMAL AND PLANT PRODUCTION, OF SEEDS AND BREEDING STOCK, OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND IMPLEMENTS, THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, AS WELL AS OTHER ACTIONS THAT MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

(H) MEANWHILE, IT WAS CONVENED TO FURTHER INTENSIFY

THE COLLABORATION IN THE FISCAL YEAR 1978/79,
PARTICULARLY BY PROVIDING CCC CREDITS FOR THE PUR-
CHASE OF 100,000 METRIC TONS OF SOYBEANS FROM THE
U.S.A. IN 1978 AND THE FINANCING FOR 150,000-200,000
METRIC TONS OF SOYBEANS IN 1979. THIS ITEM WOULD
ALSO BE FOLLOWED DURING THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEARS, WITH
A VIEW OF IMPORTING FROM THE U.S.A. BOTH GRAIN SOYBEANS
AND BREEDING STOCK.

(I) THE TWO MINISTERS AGREED TO CONTINUE THE COLLABORA-
TION AND COOPERATION PERTINENT TO THE PORK PRODUCTION IN
THE S.R. OF ROMANIA, WITH A VIEW OF OBTAINING HAM AND
MEAT PRODUCTS FOR EXPORTATION ON THE U.S. MARKET, AS
WELL AS THE HIGHER REVALUATION OF THE POLUTRY MEAT-
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SUBPRODUCTS FROM THE SLAUGHTER HOUSE, THE IMPORTATION
FRM THE U.S.A. OF PROTEIC FORAGE AND CEREALS, ON
CREDIT - UNDER ADVANTAGEOUS CONDITIONS; IN THE VARIETY-
SEEDS PRODUCTION TO BE SOLD ON THIRD MARKETS, AS WELL
AS IN THE PRODUCTION OF SOYBEAN PROTEIN DERIVATIVES AND
OF THE ISOLATED AND TEXTURED PROTEIN CONCENTRATES,
TOGETHER WITH OTHER ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

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(J) THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TOOK PLACE IN A CORDIAL

ATMOSPHERE OF FULL UNDERSTANDING, THE TWO MINISTERS EXPRESSING THEIR SINCERE DESIRE TO FURTHER STIMULATE THE CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE, IN MAJOR ITEMS OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

(K) IN ORDER TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH SOME ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK BREEDING AND FOOD PROCESSING IN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA, THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, BOB S. BERGLAND, AND THE ACCOMPANYING STAFF VISITED AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION AND RESEARCH UNITS, AS FOLLOWS:

ILFOV DISTRICT: THE HAG FATTENING COMPLEX - GIURGIU;
THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM - GIURGIU-RAZMIRESTI;

PRAHOVA DISTRICT: INTERCOOP FATTENING BABY-BEEF COMPLEX FROM BARCANESTI; STATE FARM UNIT "VALEA CALUGAREASCA."

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ENGLISH AND TWO IN ROMANIAN - BOTH TEXTS HAVING THE SAME VALIDITY.

SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
BOB S. BERGLAND

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF THE GOVERNMENT,
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD INDUSTRY OF THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA
ANGELO MICULESCU. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: TEXT IS CLEARLY DESIGNED FOR BARGAINING, AND SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE IN ROMANIA LEAVES LITTLE TIME FOR NEGOTIATION OF COMMUNIQUE. PARTY MAY THEREFORE WISH TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING EMBASSY TO PROPOSE DESIRED CHANGES OF SECRETARY'S BEHALF, IN ORDER TO HAVE AS MUCH OF TEXT AS POSSIBLE AGREED BEFORE PARTY'S ARRIVAL.

3. MAIN PROBLEM AREAS, AS WE SEE IT, ARE IN PARAS (H) AND (I):

--RE PARA (H), AS WE UNDERSTAND, U.S. CANNOT YET COMMIT

ITSELF TO FY 1979 FINANCING FOR SOYBEANS. WE BELIEVE COMMITMENT TO REVIEW ROMANIA'S NEEDS FAVORABLY IN LIGHT OF CROP CONDITIONS AND WORLDWIDE DEMAND, WHEN INFO AVAILABLE, SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

--RE PARA (I), U.S. PRESUMABLY CANNOT YET COMMIT ITSELF TO SUPPLY PROTEIN FORAGE AND CEREALS "ON CREDIT"-- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDER ADVANTAGEOUS CONDITIONS." AT SAME TIME, WE BELIEVE THERE MAY BE SOME INTEREST HERE IN MULTI-YEAR GRAIN PURCHASE COMMITMENT, POSSIBLY ALONG LINES U.S. HAS ALREADY WORKED OUT WITH POLAND AND USSR, AND THAT U.S. WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER COMMITMENT IN THIS DOCUMENT TO VIEW ROMANIAN NEEDS FAVORABLY IN LIGHT OF FUTURE CONDITIONS, AS WITH SOYBEANS, WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE VEHICLE FOR ELICITING DEGREE OF REAL ROMANIAN INTEREST. ROMANIANS ARE LIABLE TO PRESS JOINT VENTURE IDEA IN PORK FARTHER THAN WE WOULD WISH TO GO AT THIS POINT, BUT FOR TIME BEING JOINT WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER (OR NEGOTIATE) AGREEMENT TO ENHANCE STABILITY OF U.S. PROTEIN FORAGE AND CEREALS EXPORTS TO ROMANIA OVER LONG TERM, ESPECIALLY IF COMBINED WITH ORAL UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WILL HAVE WHATEVER INFORMAL ENCOURAGEMENT WE CAN TO U.S. IMPORTERS OF ROMANIAN PORK, WOULD PROBABLY FILL THE BILL.

4. SINCE OUR EXPERIENCE IS THAT ROMANIANS TEND TO BE INSISTENT ON "ALL-ENCOMPASSING" JOINT COMMUNIQUE TEXT, AND AS NEGOTIATIONS OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE WITH ROMANIA IS LONG, TEDIOUS AND ARDUOUS PROCESS WHICH OFTEN IS COMPLETED ONLY SHORTLY BEFORE END OF A CABINET-LEVEL VISIT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE PARTY'S COMMENTS AND/OR DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IF PARTY WISHES EMBASSY TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON FINAL COMMUNIQUE.

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